

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph at page 15, lines 17-23, as follows:

Specimens (40 mm wide, 100 mm long, and 1.2 mm thick) are cut out of each steel sheet. They are subjected to tight bending R_0 and bending R_1 with a 1 mm thick steel sheet inserted (both through 180°). Their bending properties are rated in terms of cracking that occurs in the specimen. (Symbols "x" and "o" denote respectively the ~~absence~~ presence and ~~presence~~ absence of cracking.)